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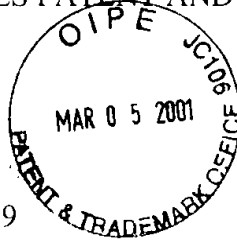
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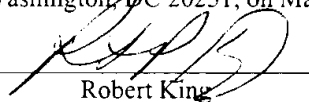
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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In this paper, Applicants present the amendments to the claims with insertions underlined and deletions bracketed. Claims not amended are not shown. A clean set of all the claims as now pending is presented in the accompanying response to office action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (**Amended**) A method for determining a subject's susceptibility to developing [a] an inflammatory disease or condition[, which is caused by or contributed to by an inappropriately high level of IL-1 β], comprising the steps of detecting an IL-1B allele (+6912) or an allele in